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The protection of religious freedom and the promotion of religious tolerance around the world are fundamental concerns of the United States, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said at the roll-out of the State Department's 13th annual International Religious Freedom Report. ...

2. Obama Says U.S. Is a Stronger Nation After 9/11 Attacks

President Obama led Americans in marking the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks on New York and Washington ...

3. Obama Aims to Stimulate U.S. Economy, Global Economic Recovery

"We are tougher than the times we live in, and we are bigger than our politics have been," President Obama told a joint session of Congress and millions of television viewers in the United States and around the world September 8. ...

4. Clinton Says Women Are Key to 21st-Century Economic Growth

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says increasing women's participation in the economy will be a critical source of growth for countries around the world in the 21st century. ...

5. U.N. Set for Global Campaign Against Fatal Diseases

The United Nations General Assembly is ready to launch a full-fledged assault on some of the world's greatest killers. ...

6. Musicians Celebrate the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

The concert, organized as part of the weeklong festivities celebrating the new Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington, featured such music icons as singer Patti LaBelle, Eddie Levert of the rhythm and blues group The O'Jays, ...

In case you missed it:

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[New AFCP grant signed for the Painted Mosque](#)

On Sept 15th, Ambassador Wohlers and Minister of Culture Kanceska signed a grant from the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation that will be used for the restoration of the Painted Mosque in Tetovo.

Also: [Story](#) [Video](#) [Photos](#)



[U.S. Helps School Children of Sarakino](#)

The school community of Sarakino organized a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept 15th to celebrate the successful completion of a school renovation made possible by generous funding support from the US European Command and USAID technical assistance.

Also: [Video](#) [Photos](#)



[Ambassador Wohlers at Media Conference](#)

On September 14, Ambassador Paul Wohlers joined other members of the international community to welcome the conference "Challenges and Future Perspectives of Macedonian Media." ...



Presentation of Credentials

On September 13, 2011 the Honorable Paul D. Wohlers, the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia presented the letter of credence to the President of the Republic of Macedonia, Gjorge Ivanov.

Also: [Photos](#)



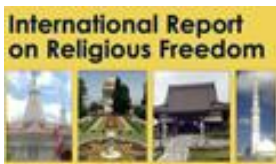
A Day of Service: Community Blood and Food Drive

On September 12th the U.S. Embassy partnered with the Skopje Red Cross to collect blood, food and financial donations for the citizens of Macedonia. DCM Brian Aggeler was joined by Secretary General of the Red Cross, Mr. Sait Saiti in opening the event that marks the ... [more photos »](#)



US Embassy 9/11 Memorial Walk

Chargé Aggeler (9/11 2011): "The simple words "nine eleven" still bring heartrending memories but, as these ten years have passed, it has become a tradition to honor the victims of those attacks ..." [more photos »](#)



The July-December 2010 International Religious Freedom Report and Countries of Particular Concern

Secretary Clinton (Sept. 13): "...it is our core conviction that religious tolerance is one of the essential elements not only of a sustainable democracy but of a peaceful society that respects the rights and dignity of each individual." [Remarks at the Release of the 13th Annual Report on International Religious Freedom »](#)

Republic of Macedonia: July-December, 2010 International Religious Freedom Report (pdf 27kb)



The Partnerships We Need

OP-ED by President Barack Obama: "On this 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, we remember that 9/11 was not only an attack on the United States, it was an attack on the world and on the humanity and hopes that we share."



Opening of new Woodrow Wilson School

Chargé Aggeler: "Creating a better place for this and future generations is something you all here can work towards as well. So to you students gathered here today, let me wish each and every one of you great success ..."



Macedonia's National Day

Secretary Clinton's Message on Macedonia's National Day (Sept 7, 2011): "On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I am delighted to send best wishes to the people of Macedonia as you celebrate 20 years of independence this September 8th." ...



Promoting the Rule of Law

Chargé Aggeler quotes President Carter in closing remarks: "The law is not the private property of lawyers, nor is justice the exclusive province of judges and juries. In the final analysis, true justice is not a matter of courts and law books, but of a commitment in each of us to liberty and mutual respect." [Photo Gallery »](#)



Chargé Brian Aggeler Hosts Iftar Dinner

Chargé d'Affaires Brian Aggeler: "Tonight we come together here – Muslim, Christian and Jew – to honor the holy month of Ramadan and its principles that we all share, of charity, sacrifice and compassion."



Transfer of Responsibility at the MOD

Chargé d'Affaires Aggeler: "Now that the system has gone "live," over 250 workstations and laptops are providing connectivity between logistics management sites and offices throughout the Ministry and the Army of the Republic of Macedonia. "

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